



Kōrakonui School

5th April 2023

Bus Review

Kia ora koutou,

The 'new' bus routes have now been running for a term. During the term, a number of parents have been in contact with me to raise concerns about how these bus routes are affecting their children. Of particular concern has been that changes have created a situation where some families are having a 30 minute earlier start in the morning when compared to the 2022 bus run, and are also getting home 30 minutes later in the afternoon. For these students this means leaving home by 7am and not returning home until 4:30pm.

Over the past few weeks Go Bus, members of the Bus Committee and I have been reviewing the bus routes and looking at how we can best resolve the main areas of concern and create a fairer route for everyone. Any proposals made, needed to consider cost as a major factor (as our bus runs needed to be changed to fit within the Bus Committees budget requirements).

We looked at a number of options to present to the Bus Committee to try and remedy the headaches the 'new' bus runs had created. After careful consideration, the most simple solution we have found is switching the order of the two buses in the afternoons. This would mean the families who catch the bus first thing in the morning, will then also arrive home first.

For our families this would mean;

The Wharepuhunga bus would depart Kōrakonui School at 2:55pm in the afternoon, completing the Bayley Road, Mangatutu Road and Happy Valley Road route, and returning to school at 3:40pm.

The Te Kawa bus would then depart Kōrakonui School at 3:45pm, delivering students home along Ngahape Road before stopping at the Te Kawa Crossroads at approximately 4:08pm, before returning back to school.

A full timetable is attached.

We appreciate that these changes will cause further disruption for our families, but we believe it will create a fairer bus run for our families. The morning run would stay the same. These changes will take place from the beginning of Term 2 (Wednesday 26th April).

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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